



26th Annual
Hillsborough County
Community Design Awards
CALL FOR ENTRIES

*Honoring the Past
Embracing the Future*

The Planning Commission is pleased to invite entries to its **26th Annual Community Design Awards Program** to recognize excellence in planning, landscape architecture, environmental sensitivity and architectural design in building and development projects throughout Hillsborough County. The Community Design Awards Program is a well-respected program that honors the very best in planning and community design offered in Hillsborough County. Its aim is to call attention to well-planned projects. Some may serve as models for others so that they may learn and imitate.

Dates to Remember

February 6, 2008 - Deadline for Entries

Deliver to County Center
The Planning Commission
601 E. Kennedy Blvd. 18th floor
Tampa, Florida 33602
Attention: Tony LaColla, AICP

April 3, 2008 - Winners Announced 26th Annual Community Design Awards Program

Reception and Buffet (**TECO Plaza**) - 5:30 p.m.
Presentations (**Tampa Theatre**) - 7:00 p.m.
See website for details www.theplanningcommission.org

- The \$135 entry fee should be payable to: **Community Design Awards**. TIN 52-2630555 *All entries become the property of the Planning Commission. Photos and drawings submitted may be used by the Planning Commission in newsletters, presentations, and educational programs.*
- The \$135 entry fee is waived for all student designed projects and for projects designed and executed entirely with volunteer resources.



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Categories and Criteria

1. Affordable Housing

Entries in this category may include:

Housing having a sales price of <\$225,000 or a monthly rental rate <\$975/month (2 bedroom).

- Single family residences
- Group of multiple units
- Combination of residential concepts

Judging Guidelines:

- Fits in well with the overall community
- Reflects the needs of the target audience
- Serves as a model that can be replicated
- Includes open spaces
- Has an energy-efficient design

2. Residential Projects

Entries in this category may include:

Dwellings having a sales price >\$225,000 or a monthly rental rate >\$975/month (2 bedroom).

- Subdivisions (non-mixed use communities)
- Townhouses, cluster units
- Apartments, condominiums

Judging Guidelines:

- Makes the community a better place
- Allows for bicycles and pedestrians
- Has an energy-efficient design
- Reflects good planning principles
- Can be used as a model for others
- Integrates with the immediate neighborhood
- Incorporates unique drainage facilities and environmental areas into overall design (when applicable)
- Designed to foster a sense of place
- Creative use of space throughout design

3. Urban Infill or Reuse

Entries in this category may include:

- Urban development or redevelopment taking place within an established community
- Residential projects
- Commercial projects
- Industrial projects
- Institutional projects

Judging Guidelines:

- Can spur contingent development
- Integrates well into the surrounding areas in terms of use, design and architecture
- Supports pedestrians as well as the use of transit, bicycles and automobiles
- Can serve as a model for others

4. Historic Preservation/Restoration

Entries in this category may include:

- Individual buildings or structures of any kind that have been preserved or restored to their original architectural style.
- Historic districts

Judging Guidelines:

- Promotes good land use
- Restoration and design embraces and complements neighborhood
- Represents a sensitive adaptive reuse
- At the judges' discretion, the Jan Abell Award may be bestowed on an historic preservation or restoration project deemed to make an outstanding contribution above and beyond all others submissions.

5. Commercial, Institutional, Public or Quasi-Public Projects

Entries in this category may include:

- Retail complexes on a neighborhood, community or regional scale

- Large or small office buildings, banks, hotels, hospitals, churches, libraries, educational facilities, cultural facilities
- Parks, recreation fields, community centers or complexes
- Transportation projects
- Business and industrial parks

Judging Guidelines:

- Incorporates a mix of uses
- Accommodates pedestrians, bicycles or transit
- Attractively designed and integrated with surrounding uses
- Enhances the neighborhood or region
- Promotes good planning
- Has a sensitive parking design
- Promotes good planning
- Is scaled to fit the community
- Has an attractive design
- Is sensitive to adjacent land uses
- Exhibits special features
- Promotes energy or natural resource conservation

6. Environmental Projects

Entries in this category may include:

- Environmental preservation projects
- Conservation or restoration projects
- Environmental education projects

Judging Guidelines:

- Any project showing sensitivity to Florida's natural environmental conditions
- The design is embraced by immediate neighborhoods
- Has significance to the larger community
- Promotes good land use
- Is compatible with the natural surroundings
- Incorporates existing environmental areas in

a sensitive way

- Is well integrated into the environment
- Has a public education component
- Promotes energy and natural resource conservation

7. Master Planning & Urban Design

Entries in this category may include:

- A public or private effort that exemplifies an outstanding contribution to urban planning
- Large scale mixed-use projects that are expected to be built out over several years
- Master-planned communities
- Overlay districts
- Community redevelopment areas
- Long range plans for transportation systems including bicycle or pedestrian plans
- Neighborhood or community plans

Judging Guidelines:

- Promotes a long-range vision
- Promotes good transportation and land use integration
- Incorporates a mixture of uses to reduce external traffic
- Is compatible with adjacent uses
- Promotes connectivity inside and outside the project
- Incorporates environmental features
- Implements the community vision
- Can be used as a model for others
- Promotes energy or natural resource conservation

8. Public Participation Projects

Entries in this category may include:

- Projects sponsored by local governments

or non-profit, civic, neighborhood, or ad hoc citizens' groups to promote public interest or betterment.

- Neighborhood or community visioning or planning process projects
- Neighborhood or community improvement projects
- Projects that promote understanding of or involvement in the planning process

Judging Guidelines:

- Involves the target audience
- Attempts to involve minorities or traditionally underrepresented populations
- Has a diversity of participants
- Reached a positive outcome for the community
- Incorporated public input into the project
- Can be used as a model for others
- Public participation made the results better

9. "Green" Projects

Entries in this category may include:

- Any of the above categories where the project also meets LEED or US Green Building Council certification requirements
- Projects that create real life opportunities for how to respond to climate change or sustainable growth
- Projects that combine green building, energy conservation and economic growth benefits

Judging Guidelines:

- Promotes human and environmental health
- Sustainable site development
- Water savings
- Energy efficiency
- Sustainable materials use
- Provides superior indoor environmental quality

Eligibility

The Planning Commission's Community Design Awards program is open to all planners, residents, developers, builders, architects, community groups, design professionals, local governments or other interested parties.

To be eligible for consideration in this year's awards program, proposed entries must be located in Hillsborough County and have been completed within the last five years—**between January 1, 2003 and January 1, 2008.**

No entries can be accepted which have or had a direct professional, financial, ownership, design, consulting and/or construction interest of any current member of the Planning Commission.

Judging

All entries will be evaluated by a jury whose members are prominent in the fields of planning, urban design, development, architecture or landscape architecture. All jury members live and work outside of Hillsborough County and are not affiliated in any way with the Planning Commission.

We have provided broad judging guidelines for each category. Please note that not all guidelines within a category will apply to each entry. We ask that you describe your project in terms of those that do apply in your case. The jury will select all winners. The judges have the discretion to recognize as few or as many projects as they see fit in any category. They may also elect to recognize no entry in some categories.

Awards are given out as follows:

- **Outstanding Contribution to the Community** - In rare cases, the judges elect to give out an award for outstanding projects that exhibit excellence in every aspect of their planning and execution.
- **Award of Excellence** - projects that exhibit excellence in nearly every aspect of their planning and execution.
- **Award of Merit** - for outstanding projects that exhibit excellence in many aspects of their planning and execution.
- **Jan Abell Award** - One project in the Historic Preservation category that rises to this level may be awarded the at the judges' discretion

Winners receive a beautiful engraved marble and glass statue and press coverage.

Preparing Your Entry!

- There is no entry form!
- All entries must be submitted in digital format on CD. Four (4) CD's must be submitted including all items below.

Questions? Call Tony LaColla, AICP

813-273-3774 ext. 350 or e-mail lacollaa@plancom.org

On CD and/or CD Cover

___ Name of Project and Entry Category

Contents

___ Site Plan (if applicable).

___ 5-10 high resolution photos, drawings, or schematics of the entry (TIFF, JPEG, or PDF).

___ 3-5 photos that show the surrounding area (if applicable).

___ A one page description of your project and how it meets the criteria in the category entered (MS Word format).

___ A two-page description of how your project makes Hillsborough County a better place to live and work (MS Word format).

___ A brief 100-word description of the project. (To be read and used in press releases if selected).

Map

___ Street map with driving directions to project site from 601 E. Kennedy Blvd. Tampa, FL 33602 (available from google.com or mapquest.com).

___ Name and phone number of anyone who would need to be contacted to arrange a judges' visit to the site (if applicable).

Contact Information

___ Name, phone number and email address of person to contact if we have questions about the entry or need additional information.

___ Name, title, company affiliation, phone number, address, and e-mail address of **ALL** individuals associated with this entry who should get an invitation to the April 3, 2008 award dinner (MS Excel spreadsheet).

Recognition Information

___ Name of up to three organizations to go on award statue (consultants typically include their client and their firm).

___ Name, organizational affiliation and role played of up to six (6) project team members to be mentioned if this entry is selected.

Entry Fee

___ \$135 check payable to: Community Design Awards.
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